



# SC Annual School Report Card Summary

**BLUFFTON HIGH**  
**Beaufort County**  
**Grades: 9-12** Enrollment: 1,092  
**Principal: Mark Dievendorf**  
**Superintendent: Dr. Valerie Truesdale**  
**Board Chair: Fred Washington**

## PERFORMANCE

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YEAR	ABSOLUTE RATING	GROWTH RATING	PALMETTO GOLD AND SILVER AWARD		AYP STATUS	NCLB IMPROVEMENT STATUS
			General Performance	Closing the Gap		
2011	Average	At-Risk	TBD	TBD	Not Met	N/A
2010	Good	At-Risk	N/A	N/A	Not Met	N/A
2009	Average	Good	Silver	Silver	Not Met	N/A

## ABSOLUTE RATINGS OF HIGH SCHOOLS WITH STUDENTS LIKE OURS\*

EXCELLENT	GOOD	AVERAGE	BELOW AVERAGE	AT-RISK
17	6	6	0	0

\* Ratings are calculated with data available by 11/09/2011. Schools with Students Like Ours are High Schools with Poverty Indices of no more than 5% above or below the index for this school.

## HIGH SCHOOL ASSESSMENT PROGRAM(HSAP) EXAM PASSAGE RATE(%): SECOND YEAR STUDENTS

	Our High School		High Schools with Students Like Ours	
	2010	2011	2010	2011
Passed 2 subtests (%)	71.4%	80.5%	84.1%	83.8%
Passed 1 subtest (%)	15.9%	12.0%	9.3%	10.0%
Passed no subtests (%)	12.7%	7.5%	7.4%	6.8%

## HSAP PASSAGE RATE (%) BY SPRING 2011

	Our High School	High Schools with Students Like Ours
Passage Rate	89.0%	93.6%

## ON-TIME GRADUATION RATE

	Our High School	High Schools with Students Like Ours
Number of students	405	403
Number of Diplomas	285	311
Rate (%)	70.4%	78.0%

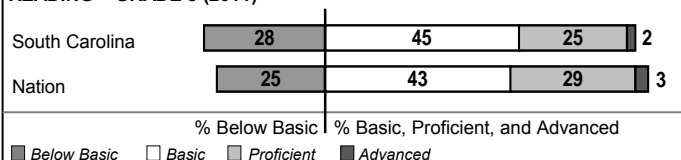
## END OF COURSE TESTS - 2011

% of students scoring 70 or above on:	Our High School	High Schools with Students Like Ours
Algebra 1/Math for the Technologies 2	71.8	78.9
English 1	25.5	71.5
Biology 1/Applied Biology 2	72.4	76.2
Physical Science	21.1	63.7
US History and the Constitution	48.0	56.2
All Tests	60.0	69.3

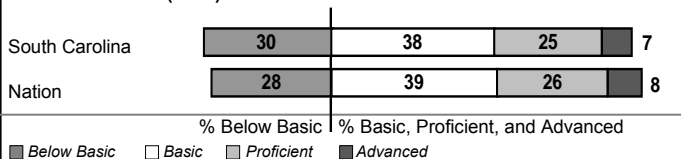
## NAEP PERFORMANCE\*

\* Performance reported for SC and nation, data not available at school level. Percentages at NAEP Achievement Levels.

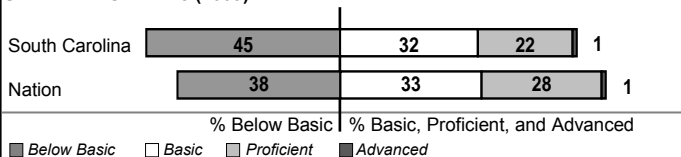
### READING - GRADE 8 (2011)



### MATH - GRADE 8 (2011)



### SCIENCE - GRADE 8 (2009)



## SC PERFORMANCE VISION

*By 2020 all students will graduate with the knowledge and skills necessary to compete successfully in the global economy, participate in a democratic society and contribute positively as members of families and communities.*

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## SCHOOL PROFILE

	Our School	Change from Last Year	High Schools with Students Like Ours	Median High School
<b>Students (n=1,092)</b>				
Retention rate	15.4%	Up from 5.1%	2.4%	3.4%
Attendance rate	95.0%	Down from 99.9%	95.0%	95.0%
Served by gifted and talented program	16.8%	Up from 16.7%	16.8%	12.4%
With disabilities other than speech	8.6%	Down from 9.8%	8.4%	9.9%
Older than usual for grade	10.7%	Up from 8.0%	5.2%	7.1%
Out-of-school suspensions or expulsions for violent and/or criminal offenses	0.4%	Up from 0.1%	1.0%	0.9%
Enrolled in AP/IB programs	31.6%	Down from 33.8%	24.3%	13.0%
Successful on AP/IB exams	55.7%	Down from 57.7%	56.4%	51.7%
Eligible for LIFE Scholarship	32.9%	Down from 39.9%	34.3%	30.1%
Annual dropout rate	1.0%	Down from 2.1%	2.7%	2.5%
Career/technology students in co-curricular organizations	1.3%	Up from 0.0%	3.3%	2.9%
Enrollment in career/technology courses	598	Down from 852	724	419
Career/technology students attaining technical skills	86.1%	Up from 68.1%	83.3%	83.0%
<b>Teachers (n=73)</b>				
Teachers with advanced degrees	60.3%	Up from 52.7%	63.6%	61.1%
Continuing contract teachers	72.6%	Up from 71.4%	83.6%	80.6%
Teachers returning from previous year	79.9%	Down from 83.4%	87.8%	86.5%
Teacher attendance rate	95.1%	Down from 96.6%	95.5%	95.5%
Average teacher salary*	\$48,924	Up 4.9%	\$48,159	\$46,884
Classes not taught by highly qualified teachers	8.6%	Up from 7.7%	1.2%	2.2%
Professional development days/teacher	8.2 days	Up from 8.1 days	10.9 days	10.0 days
<b>School</b>				
Principal's years at school	1.0	Down from 3.0	5.0	4.0
Student-teacher ratio in core subjects	28.6 to 1	Up from 28.0 to 1	28.9 to 1	26.5 to 1
Prime instructional time	88.3%	Down from 94.8%	89.3%	89.3%
Dollars spent per pupil**	\$6,563	Down 5.1%	\$6,802	\$7,804
Percent of expenditures for teacher salaries**	62.8%	Down from 64.0%	61.2%	58.0%
Percent of expenditures for instruction**	65.7%	Down from 67.8%	63.9%	60.6%
Opportunities in the arts	Excellent	No Change	Excellent	Excellent
SACS accreditation	Yes	No Change	Yes	Yes
Parents attending conferences	94.5%	Up from 89.3%	98.9%	97.3%
Character development program	Good	Up from Average	Good	Good
% of AYP objectives met	56.0%	Down from 60.0%	76.2%	65.2%

\* Length of contract = 185+ days.

\*\* Prior year audited financial data available.

## EVALUATION RESULTS

	Teachers	Students*	Parents*
Number of surveys returned	50	174	34
Percent satisfied with learning environment	74.0%	75.1%	81.8%
Percent satisfied with social and physical environment	83.7%	81.4%	88.2%
Percent satisfied with school-home relations	50.0%	78.9%	76.5%

\*Only students at the highest high school grade level at this school and their parents were included.

## REPORT OF PRINCIPAL AND SCHOOL IMPROVEMENT COUNCIL

Dear Students, Parents, Colleagues, & Community Members,

As I reflect upon our first year together I am pleased to share that 2010-11 was a highly successful school year as evidenced by impressive improvement in all areas of academic achievement, learning environment, and school spirit. Perhaps our greatest accomplishment in 2010-11 was the increased investment of students, staff, parents, and the community at large in our school and our improvement related efforts like never before!

A timely and validating highlight was announced at the Commencement Ceremony for the Class of 2011. Bluffton High School became nationally recognized for the first time by the Washington Post High School Challenge as one of "America's Best High Schools," ranking our school in the elite company of the top four percent of all high schools in the nation! This recognition seemed to appropriately encapsulate the dedicated and collaborative effort of many to improve our school and increase school pride and spirit throughout the 2010-11 school year.

The resurgence of "Bobcat Pride" is easily understood when you consider the many recent points of pride that include: Advanced Placement Assessment and 9-12 EOC Assessment results that reflect the highest scores in the county; increased student participation in student clubs, organizations, activities, the Arts, and athletics; the honoring of our athletic program as the fourth most successful program in South Carolina in Division 3-A; decreased instances of disciplinary infractions and suspensions; increased staff participation and attendance at school related events; and the adoption and embracing of a multi-faceted Academic Achievement Improvement Plan by staff and our School Improvement Council. This plan includes five essential and interrelated components that focus on curricular, instructional, assessment, remediation & recovery, and professional development initiatives.

In addition to the achievements noted above, our students have excelled in impressive fashion as detailed by the following: our Youth In Government students were named the Outstanding Delegation (1st Place) at the South Carolina State Conference; our band received superior ratings at District & State festivals, our DECA students competed for the first time ever at the State DECA Conference; our JROTC student teams placed 1st & 12th at the South Carolina Ultimate Challenge event out of 100 teams; our National Honor Society sponsored Blood Drives for the American Red Cross were the most successful drives in the region; the number of students completing the ACT & SAT assessments was the highest ever; forty students were named AP Scholars this year; and our SAT scores increased by an average of 22 points!

I am so proud of our students, staff and parents for the positive difference they have made at Bluffton High School this past year. I look forward to continued successes and achievements as we continue our collaborative effort in the coming years!

Respectfully submitted on behalf of Mr. John Ortega, 2010-11 SIC Chairperson; Mr. Robert Collar, 2011-12 SIC Chairperson, and the Bluffton High School Staff & Administrative Team;

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Principal

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